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STATE HIGHWAY 9 WIDENING PROJECT **24TH AVENUE SE TO 36TH AVENUE SE**

On Wednesday December 3, 2014, Allen Contracting, under contract with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), will shift traffic to the northbound lanes of 24th Avenue SE on the north side of State Highway 9. The shift will allow the contractor to reconstruct both State Highway 9 west of 24th Avenue SE and the southbound lanes of 24th Avenue SE north of State Highway 9. Signs will be placed to direct traffic through the intersection. During this time, only one lane will be available for traffic in each direction on 24th Avenue SE. This may cause delays for southbound traffic as the one lane will be a shared lane for left turning and through traffic.

In an effort to assist ODOT with traffic management in the corridor, staff from the City of Norman recently conducted a traffic study in the corridor in order to maximize the flow of traffic through the 24th Avenue SE and State Highway 9 intersection. As a result of the study, the City had to temporarily remove the exclusive green turn arrow from the signal phasing for 24th Avenue SE traffic in the interest of traffic safety. This traffic signal configuration will have to remain this way through the duration of this phase of the project. Weather permitting; this phase of the project should be completed before December 24, 2014. Drivers are encouraged to use alternative routes as delays can be expected.

Construction of the State Highway 9 Project from 24th Avenue SE to 36th Avenue SE began Monday, July 7, 2014. This is a \$9.5 million construction project awarded to Allen Contracting of Oklahoma City. This is the first phase of the State Highway 9 Widening Project between 24th Avenue SE and the east city limits. This project should be completed no later than April 2015 but the contract includes a 90 day contract incentive clause and could be completed as soon as January 2015. The project includes widening from two lanes to four lanes with a center median from 1,300 feet west of 24th Avenue SE to 1,300 feet east of 36th Avenue SE, storm water improvements, replacement of traffic signals at the intersections of 24th Avenue SE, Technology Place and John Saxon Boulevard and a new traffic signal at the intersection of State Highway 9 and 36th Avenue SE.

Additional questions may be directed to Mr. Josh Malwick, City of Norman Capital Projects Engineer at (405) 366-5454 or Josh.Malwick@NormanOK.gov.

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